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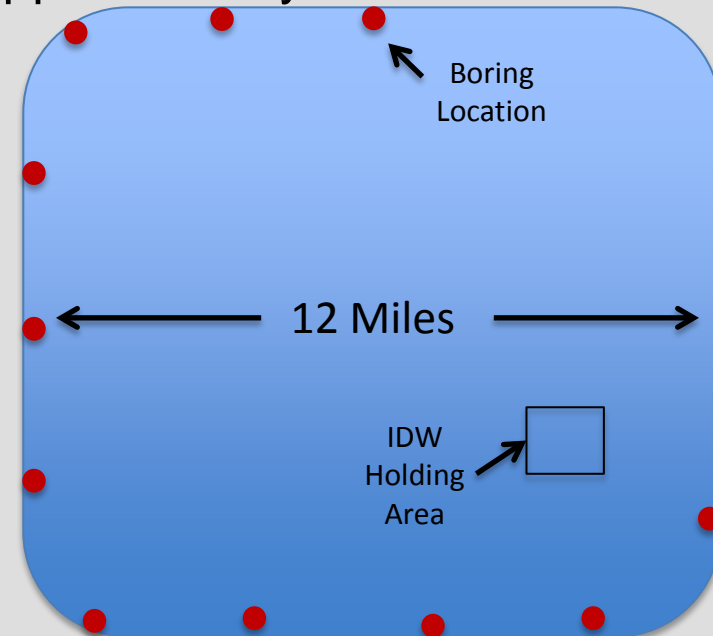
Project Overview

- Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC) has been proactively assessing munitions loading areas as part of the Range Environmental Vulnerability Assessments (REVA)
- ARCADIS / Malcolm Pirnie completed an installation-wide assessment of the groundwater pathway of a large installation on the East Coast of the U.S.
 - Installed eleven 6-inch inside diameter open bedrock wells surrounding the perimeter of the installation
 - Well design replicates receptor wells off-installation
 - Wells were installed on-installation down gradient of potential loading areas and up-gradient of receptor locations
 - Conducted down-hole geophysical survey to identify water producing zones and to determine aquifer properties in the fractured bedrock aquifer

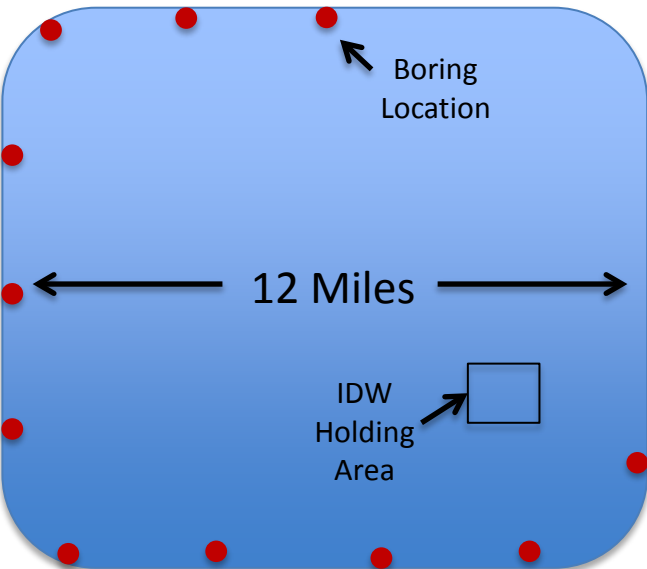


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- Project team was initially scoped to sample wells using traditional purge and sample method of removing three well volumes
- Installation requested that all purge water be containerized and stored in one location during characterization
 - Installation is approximately 12 miles in diameter and
 - 40 miles in circumference
- Team developed costs for various scenarios to deal with large volumes of purge water

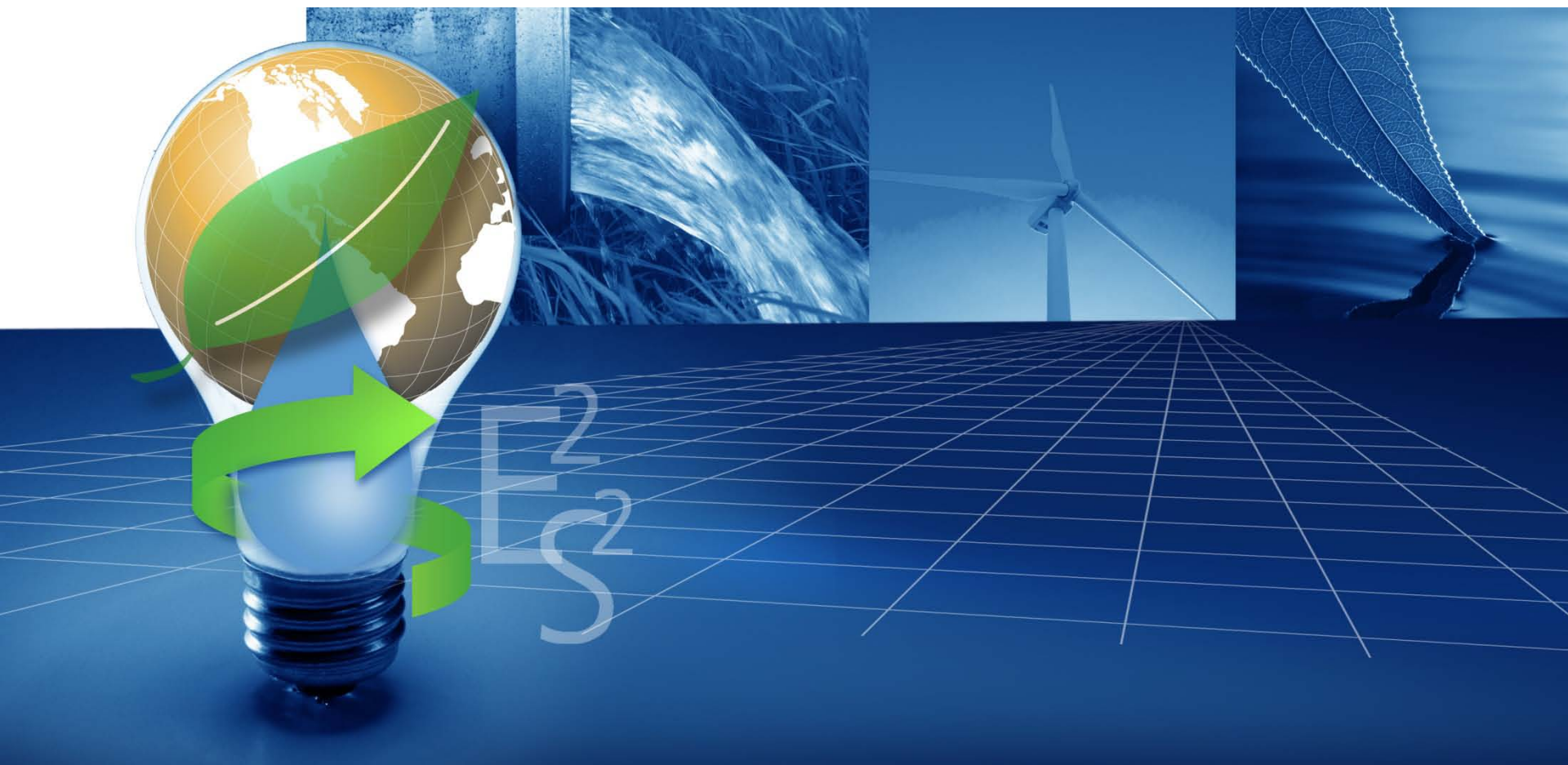


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- Numerous cost estimates were developed using different techniques to deal with purge water.
- All scenarios were considered cost prohibitive because
 - Access to the area would be difficult due to the large size of the installation and range and training activities which occur boundary to boundary
 - Individual runs to a centralized holding area would be up 40 miles round trip
 - Access to boring locations often limited equipment that could be utilized
 - Because of the size (6-inch I.D) and depth (200 to 502 feet) of the wells the volumes to be removed from each well varied from 720 to 2,100 gallons
- The minimum cost for one sampling event was estimated at ~\$120,000





Alternative Sampling Methods

- The ARCADIS / Malcolm Pirnie team conducted an evaluation of numerous passive and grab sampling options
- Sampling methods that were evaluated would need to meet numerous criteria for additional evaluation
 - Provide adequate sample volume
 - Because of the large suite of analytes and particularly explosives
 - Either be inexpensive to deploy numerous times or reusable if dedicated to a well and sampling interval
 - Provide defensible reproducible sample results for all anal a down-hole geophysical survey to identify water producing zones and to determine aquifer properties in the fractured bedrock aquifer ytes
 - Can be deployed in open bedrock wells under less than ideal conditions



Alternative Sampling Methods

- Based upon the evaluation conducted for the site-specific set of circumstances of this investigation, the ARCADIS / Pirnie team and project stakeholders narrowed the viable technology to grab-type samplers
 - The passive diffusion-based samplers evaluated were not considered as viable options for sampling the full analyte suite required for this project
 - The large molecule explosives may have difficulty passing through sampler materials
 - Longer equilibration times may be required necessitating additional mobilizations
 - May not produce enough volume for QA/QC samples
 - ARCADIS / Pirnie team has utilized grab-type samplers at other sites and completed reproducibility studies for regulators



Snap Sampler®

- The Snap Sampler® was chosen as the most appropriate grab sampling equipment for the project
 - Samplers are able to be connected in-line to provide adequate volume for the full analyte list
 - The sampler materials are compatible with all of the analytes
 - Sampling materials are robust enough to be utilized for repeated sample collection and also in a open bedrock well
 - Cost savings allowed two sampling events to be completed



Field Methods

- The ARCADIS / Pirnie Team developed standard operating procedures with input from ProHydro, Inc.
- Up to three sampling intervals were chosen from each well based on the results of the down-hole geophysical survey
- Samplers were placed in wells on the first day of the sampling event with the order and time being noted
- The samplers were triggered electronically the following day in the same order
- After being pulled from each well, the samples were decanted into containers and shipped to the laboratory
- At locations where QA/QC samples were collected, half the analytes were collected after the first 24-hour period. The samplers were replaced and the remaining analytes were collected the following day



Analytical Results

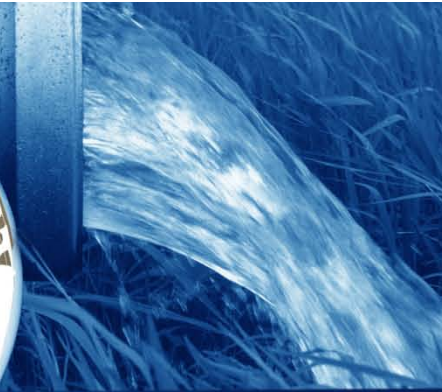
- Wells were sampled in August and October 2009
- Two explosives and perchlorate were detected at 5 of the 11 locations
 - All concentrations were approximately three orders of magnitude below screening values
 - Perchlorate was detected in the same wells at comparable concentrations during both sampling events
 - Explosives were only detected during the second sampling event
- Wells were sampled using purge methods in Summer 2010 with water discharged to the ground surface based on the results of the Snap Samples
 - Perchlorate results were comparable to previous sampling efforts



Conclusions

- ARCADIS / Malcolm Pirnie evaluated numerous passive-diffusion and grab samplers to provide a cost effective sampling alternative for sampling groundwater
- Based on the analyte list and other site specific conditions, grab samplers and particularly the Snap Sampler® was chosen for use at the site
- The total cost for two sampling events was approximately 1/3 the cost of the most cost effective traditional purge method with waste water handling
- Samplers were very easy to use in the field
- Data collected during two sampling events was defensible and reproducible





Questions?